patients in the country at present is 126.52 lakhs.

(b) Government has taken steps to educate the people about TB disease and its cure through booklets / pamphlets and advertisements through Radio/ T.V. spots. Under our National TB Control Programme, free diagnosis and treatment facilities are provided through District TB Centres. Similarly for prevention the disease BCG Vaccination is being given to 0-1 year old child.

(c) No precise figures are available. However, National Sample Survey on TB has shown that prevalence is more among people living in over crowded areas and slums.

Cooperation of Industrial Sector and Trade Unions in Family Planning

1389. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approached the Industrial Sector and Trade Unions for cooperation in carrying out family planning awareness campaign;

(b) if so, the details of communication sent to the Chambers of Industries and Commerce and Trade Unions in the country;

(c) the details of their response to the cooperation sought; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the news report appeared in the Economic Times dated 12th November, 1992 in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chambers of Commerce & Industry Enterprises and Trade Union Organisations who are represented on the Tripartite National Committee on Family Welfare Planning in the Organised Sector were approached through the medium of recommendations of the first meeting of this Committee held on 10th February, 1992 to fully involve themselves in the promotion of the Family Welfare Programme by specifically setting up Family Welfare Cells which will be responsible for preparing family profiles of each worker and to provide necessary councelling to them on family planning as also to arrange necessary family planning services to them from the existing facilities within or outside the industry. To give further push to generate national awareness on population control, Awards for best contribution in the areas of Electronic Media, National Press, Regional Press, Organised Sector and Voluntary Sector have been instituted. Subsequently, the industries were requested to adopt family planning slogans in their advertisements and also circulate amongst their Member units the income-tax exemption benefits on expenditure incurred by industries on Family Welfare Programme. The Ministry of Industry have also recently been requested to use their good offices in propagating and promoting the Family Welfare Programme in the industrial sector. The implementation of the Family Welfare Programme in the Organised Sector has again been reviewed and discussed in the second meeting of the Tripartite National Committee held on the 16th November, 1992.

(c) The action taken reports received from various industries, Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Trade Unions in pursuance of the recommendations of the 1st meeting of the Tripartite Committee and in response to subsequent communications regarding family planning slogans and income-tax exemption benefits are indicated in the Annexure. [See Appendix CLXV, ANNEXURE No. 24].

(d) No formal report from the industries has been received by the Government. On the contrary, however, several industries have already taken action to adopt family planning slogans in their advertisements as would be seen from contents of the statement enclosed in reply to Part (c) of this Question.